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Title: *Discrimination Of Bacillus Anthracis From Closely Related Microorganisms By Analysis of 16S And 23S rRNA With Oligonucleotide Microchips*


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 21, 2006

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.